

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract of the Disclosure.*

~~The present invention is directed to a hydraulic brake apparatus provided with a pressure generator for generating hydraulic pressure in response to operation of a manually operated braking member, and a~~ A ~~pressure regulating device is disposed between the~~ a ~~pressure generator and a wheel brake cylinder, and is connected with a reservoir, so as to regulate the hydraulic pressure fed into the wheel brake cylinder, to provide a desired pressure less than the hydraulic pressure generated by the pressure generator. The pressure regulating device includes a~~ A ~~linear proportioning solenoid valve for selectively communicating the wheel brake cylinder with one of the reservoir and the pressure generator, to regulate~~ regulates ~~a pressure difference between the pressures of the pressure generator and the wheel brake cylinder, into a desired value in response to electromagnetic force exerted by the solenoid valve, and a~~ valve. A pressure difference limiting device having three ports blocks for blocking the communication between the wheel cylinder and the reservoir, and communicating communicates ~~the pressure generator with the wheel cylinder, when the pressure difference is equal to or greater than a predetermined value.~~